**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of: Carroll R. Thompson | § | |
| | § | Group Art Unit: 3652 |
| Serial No.: 10/679,702 | § | |
| Confirmation No.: 9622 | § | Examiner: Charles N. Greenhut |
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| | § | Customer No. 36735 |
| For: PIPE HANDLING APPARATUS FOR PICK-UP AND LAY-DOWN MACHINE | § | |

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 13, 2007**

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 13, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0288.P1/WBP, the fee of $150 for three new dependent claims. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0288.P1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.